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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR EXPORTERS CONFERENCE: CONVERSATION
OF ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE AND QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL DE
COURCEL

1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ACDA DIRECTOR
IKLE, QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL DE COURCEL SAID THAT
GOF HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AT A POSITION ON NUCLEAR
EXPORTERS CONFERENCE. DE COURCEL ADDED THAT
THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT FRENCH ARE PRE-
PARED TO ENTER INTO A MULTILATERAL CONFERENCE ON
THIS SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH HE SAID FRENCH AGREE WITH
U.S. ON SUBSTANCE OF THE PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

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2. SECRETARY GENERAL OF FRENCH MFA DE COURCEL, IN CONVERSATION WITH ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE ON NOV 27, REFLECTED SAME GENERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPOSED NUCLEAR EXPORTERS CONFERENCE EVIDENCED EARLIER IN MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH OTHER FRENCH OFFICIALS (REPORTED SEPTEL). DE COURCEL NOTED THE FRENCH OPPOSE PARTICIPATION IN NPT BUT AUTONOMOUSLY APPLY THE NPT'S SUBSTANCE. WHILE GOF HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AT A POSITION ON EXPORTERS CONFERENCE AND WOULD STUDY WITH INTEREST RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS THAT DAY WITH IKLE AND AEC CHAIRMAN RAY, DE COURCEL SAID THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT GOF IS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO A MULTILATERAL CONFERENCE. NEVERTHELESS, HE ADDED, WE ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROBLEM, AND HE NOTED THAT FRANCE IS TRYING IN PRESENT SAFEGUARDS NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA TO GET THE SAME RESULT AS U.S. RECENTLY ACHIEVED, MOTIVATED BY THE SAME TYPE OF CONCERN.

3. DE COURCEL NOTED HIS BELIEF THAT IN FUTURE MORE AND MORE COUNTRIES WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT INDIGENOUS, PEACEFUL NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES, AND IT WILL BE SIMPLY A QUESTION OF NATIONAL WILL WHETHER OR NOT THEY BUILD WEAPONS. FRENCH POSITION IS THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO PROLIFERATION; BUT NEITHER DO THEY WANT TO BECOME PART OF "MONOPOLISTIC COMBINE," TRYING TO KEEP COUNTRIES CAPABLE OF ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM DOING SO AGAINST THEIR WILL. HE FELT, MOREOVER, THAT WE SEEM TO BE MAKING A HARMFUL DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN MENTIONING "SENSITIVE REGIONS" IN LAST POINT OF U.S. AIDE MEMOIRE.

4. IKLE EXPLAINED U.S. POSITION ALONG STANDARD LINES, EXPRESSING U.S. OPENNESS TO FRENCH VIEWS, HOPE FOR POSITIVE AND EARLY RESPONSE TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE, AND WILLINGNESS TO HAVE FURTHER BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. HE EXPLAINED SENSITIVE REGIONS CONCEPT DID NOT CREATE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN LDC'S

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AND OTHERS. (DE COURCEL APPARENTLY ACCEPTED THIS POINT, SAYING IT IS REALLY COUNTRIES IN THE "FRONT LINES" WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.) IKLE ADDED THAT, WHILE SOME OF THE OTHER SUGGESTED IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WOULD HAVE DIFFERENT SIGNIFICANCE FOR NONINDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES THAN FOR ONES CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS CAPABILITIES, EVEN THESE 1) ENTAIL NO INFRINGEMENT ON NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY; AND

2) WOULD INDEED APPLY TO ALL COUNTRIES UNIFORMLY,
EVEN IF THE EFFECTS OF THAT APPLICATION WOULD VARY.
THESE DIFFERENCES ARE IMPLICIT AS WELL IN THE FRENCH
POLICY WHICH DE COURCEL OUTLINED SO CLEARLY.

5. DE COURCEL ASKED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
CONCERNING DETAILS OF SPECIAL SAFEGUARDS IN
PROPOSED AGREEMENTS WITH EGYPT/ISRAEL, POSSIBLE RE-
QUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH FUTURE U.S. SALES TO INDIA,
AND THE PRECISE OUTCOME OF RECENT TARAPUR SAFE-
GUARDS RENEGOTIATION (I.E., WHETHER NEW AGREEMENT
COVERS ALL MATERIALS COMING OUT OF REACTOR, OR
ONLY PRODUCTS OF U.S.-SUPPLIED FUEL.)
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